

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGURE 19 shows an alignment of the DnaA protein of several organisms. The amino acid sequence of the *Thermus thermophilus* DnaA protein [[of]] is also shown. *P. mar*, *Pseudomonas marcesans* (SEQ ID NO: 96); *Syn. sp.*, *Synechocystis sp.* (SEQ ID NO: 97); *Bac. sub.*, *Bacillus subtilis* (SEQ ID NO: 98); *M. tub.*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (SEQ ID NO: 99); *T. th.*, *Thermus thermophilus* (SEQ ID NO: 100); *E. c.*, *Escherichia coli* (SEQ ID NO: 101); *T. mar.*, *Thermotoga maratima* (SEQ ID NO: 102); *H. pyl.*, *Helicobacter pylori* (SEQ ID NO: 103).